

HOUSE BILL 375

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, relative to domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following language:

(a) A person commits aggravated assault who:

(1) Intentionally or knowingly commits an assault as defined in § 39-13-101, and:

(A) Causes serious bodily injury to another;

(B) Uses or displays a deadly weapon; or

(C) Attempts or intends to cause bodily injury to another by strangulation; or

(2) Recklessly commits an assault as defined in § 39-13-101(a)(1), and:

(A) Causes serious bodily injury to another; or

(B) Uses or displays a deadly weapon.

(3) For purposes of subdivision (a)(1)(C) "strangulation" means intentionally impeding normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure to the throat or neck or by blocking the nose and mouth of another person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011 and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.